Thursday, July 26, 2007

Communications and Technology Management RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 11

Subject: Authorize the negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement between the City and Austin Community College (ACC) to permit ACC to operate radio equipment on the Austin/Travis County Regional Radio System (RRS) with an annual amount payable to the City based on ACC's proportionate share of the total RRS Operation and Maintenance budget for portable and mobile radios.

Amount and Source of Funding: Revenue is anticipated from Austin Community College based on the number of authorized ACC portable and mobile radios and the annual RRS Infrastructure Operation and Maintenance Budget.

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As a party to the Interlocal Agreement for the Operation and Maintenance of the Austin/Travis County Regional Radio System (RRS), the City may request permission from the RRS Operating Board to sponsor an entity as associate user of the RRS. The City's associate sponsorship is limited to that portion of its share of unused RRS capacity.

In accordance with the Interlocal Agreement for the Operation and Maintenance of the RRS, the City submitted a request for approval and a technical report to the RSS Operating Board on July 13, 2007. The Board granted the City's request on July 13, 2007 after reviewing the City's report that outlined the anticipated impact of ACC usage to the RRS. The Board also approved the proposed RRS Associate Interlocal Agreement.

As a RRS Associate, ACC will be able to operate compatible radio consoles, mobile radios, and portable radios on the RRS and directly communicate with other RRS users including the Austin Police Department, Austin Fire Department and Austin-Travis County EMS. Likewise, these public safety providers have a need for direct communication with ACC when calls from the public are received that involve ACC properties. On or before September 30 of each year, ACC will pay the City of Austin the amount due for that fiscal year based on the number of authorized ACC portable and mobile radios and the annual RRS System infrastructure Operation and Maintenance Budget.